

Regarding Docket # 98N-1038

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

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I am writing to weigh in on the question of whether irradiated foods should continue to bear labels clearly stating that they have been exposed to this process.

I care what I ingest and what I feed my children and guests, and I insist on labeling that informs me, at the point of purchase, not only the ingredients contained, but their exposure to such a new processing technology.

Irradiation of foods is still an unproven technology for the long run. We have no data to indicate what effects, if any, would befall someone who ate irradiated foods for a period of 30 years, for example. If in time the technology is proven safe, the required labeling would become meaningless and disappear.

By the way, who is it that is pushing so hard to deprive consumers of information they need to make informed choices in the "free" marketplace, and does their identity reveal the nature of their motives?

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

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